IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 20, 41 and 43 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A character processing method, comprising the steps of:

displaying a list including a plurality of registered character strings on a display screen;

selecting <u>from the displayed list</u>, based on a user instruction, a character string from among the displayed list including the plurality of character strings; and

causing the selected character string to be displayed on the display screen at a position pointed by a cursor <u>when the character string has been selected in the selecting step from among the displayed list according to the user instruction</u>.

2. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selection of the character string is achieved by an instruction which designates a position in a region of the display screen in which the character string to be selected is displayed.

3. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the list including the plurality of character strings is displayed on a soft keyboard display screen.

4. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the list including the plurality of character strings is displayed in accordance with an instruction given through a soft keyboard display screen.

5. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 4, wherein the list including the plurality of character strings is displayed in place of the soft keyboard display screen, in response to said instruction.

6. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of character strings have been registered through an operation performed by the user.

7. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

8. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the list including the registered character strings is displayed on a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

9. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent.

10. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the list including the registered character strings is displayed on a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent.

11. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the list including the registered character strings is displayed on an operation panel of a copying machine.

12. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selected character string is output by means of a printer.

13. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 2, wherein said instruction is given through a touch panel.

14. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 2, wherein said instruction is given through a digitizer.

15. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 2, wherein said instruction is given through a coordinate input device.

16. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

selecting a desired character string to be edited from among the displayed list of character strings;

receiving an editorial instruction indicating an editing operation to be effected on the selected character string;

effecting the editing operation on the selected character string in accordance with the editorial instruction; and

updating the registered character strings in accordance with the result of the editing operation.

17. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 16, wherein said editorial instruction is to add a character.

18. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 16, wherein said editorial instruction is to delete a character.

19. (Original) A character processing method according to Claim 16, wherein said editorial instruction is input through a displayed soft keyboard.

20. (Currently Amended) A character processing apparatus, comprising:

list displaying means for displaying a list including a plurality of registered character strings on a display screen;

selecting means for selecting from the displayed list, based on a user instruction, a character string from among the displayed list including the plurality of character strings; and

displaying means for displaying the selected character string on the display screen at a position pointed by a cursor when the character string has been selected by the selecting means from among the displayed list according to the user instruction.

21. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said selecting means selects the character string in accordance with an instruction which designates a position in a region of the display screen in which the character string to be selected is displayed.

22. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said list displaying means displays the list on a soft keyboard display screen.

23. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the list is displayed in accordance with an instruction given through a soft keyboard display screen.

24. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the list is displayed in place of the soft keyboard display screen, in response to said instruction.

25. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said plurality of character strings have been registered through an operation performed by the user.

26. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

27. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said list displaying means displays the list on a display screen to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

28. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent.

29. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said list displaying means displays the list on a display screen to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent.

30. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said list displaying means comprises an operation panel of a copying machine.

31. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising a printer for outputting the selected character string.

32. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a touch panel through which said instruction is given.

33. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a digitizer through which said instruction is given.

34. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a coordinate input device through which said instruction is given.

35. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising:

selecting means for selecting a desired character string to be edited from among the displayed list of character strings;

inputting means for enabling input of an editorial instruction indicating an editing operation to be effected on the selected character string;

editing means for effecting the editing operation on the selected character string in accordance with the editorial instruction; and

updating means for updating the registered character strings in accordance with the result of the editing operation.

36. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein said editorial instruction is to add a character.

37. (Original) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein said editorial instruction is to delete a character.

38. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein said list displaying means further comprises a soft keyboard displaying means for displaying a soft keyboard as a display screen through which said editorial instruction is input.

39. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the update performed by said updating means includes addition of a character string to the registered character strings.

40. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the update performed by said updating means includes deletion of a character string to the registered character strings.

41. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which are stored program codes for an image processing method, the program codes comprising:

program codes for displaying a list including a plurality of registered character strings on a display screen;

program codes for selecting <u>from the displayed list</u>, based on a user instruction, a character string from among the list including plurality of displayed character strings; and

program codes for causing the selected character string to be displayed on the display screen at a position pointed by a cursor <u>when the character string has been selected in the selecting step from among the displayed list according to the user instruction</u>.

42. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 41, wherein the program codes further comprise:

program codes for selecting a desired character string to be edited from among the displayed list of character strings;

program codes for receiving an editorial instruction indicating an editing operation to be effected on the selected character string;

program codes for effecting the editing operation on the selected character string in accordance with the editorial instruction; and

program codes for updating the registered character strings in accordance with the result of the editing operation.

43. (Currently Amended) A character processing program including computer-implemental program codes, comprising:

program codes for displaying a list including a plurality of registered character strings on a display screen;

program codes for selecting from the displayed list, based on a user instruction, a character string from among the list including the plurality of displayed character strings; and

program codes for causing the selected character string to be displayed on the display screen at a position pointed by a cursor when the character string has been selected in the selecting step from among the displayed list according to the user instruction.